



House of Commons

Thursday 14 December 2023

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to the Secretary of State for Transport
- 2 Urgent Question: Venezuela: threat to Guyana (David Rutley)
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 4 Statements: (1) COP 28 (Graham Stuart)
(2) Implementation of citizens' rights agreements with the EU (Leo Docherty)
- 5 Select Committee Statement (Standing Order No. 22D): Publication of the First Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Human trafficking, HC 124 (Dame Diana Johnson)
- 6 Backbench Business
 - (1) Knife crime
Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of knife crime.—(*Wendy Morton*.)
 - (2) Potential merger of Three and Vodafone
Resolved, That this House has considered the potential merger of Three and Vodafone.—(*Liam Byrne*.)
- 7 Adjournment
Subject: Serious violence in Battersea constituency (Marsha De Cordova)
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(*Mike Wood*.)

Adjourned at 4.28 pm until Monday 18 December.

Other Proceedings

General Committees: Reports

- 8 Criminal Justice Bill Committee
Sir Graham Brady (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.
Written evidence to be published.

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.

The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

9 First Delegated Legislation Committee (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1306))

Chair: Martin Vickers

10 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Biodiversity Gain (Town and Country Planning) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2024 and draft Biodiversity Gain Site Register (Financial Penalties and Fees) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Sir Graham Brady

11 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Online Safety (List of Overseas Regulators) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Mr Clive Betts

12 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft National Minimum Wage (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Carolyn Harris

13 Fifth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Amendment of List of Safe States) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Hannah Bardell

14 Sixth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Higher-Risk Buildings (Keeping and Provision of Information etc.) (England) Regulations 2023)

Chair: Mark Pritchard

Select Committees: Reports

15 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Tuesday 9 January 2024 and Thursday 11 January 2024 in Westminster Hall, and Thursday 11 January 2024 in the Chamber (Ian Mearns).

16 Liaison Committee

Correspondence with the Leaders of the House of Commons and the House of Lords relating to pre-legislative scrutiny of draft bills: Written evidence, to be published (Sir Bernard Jenkin).

17 Petitions Committee

Correspondence from the Minster for Equalities relating to conversion therapy: Written evidence, to be published (Cat Smith).

18 Public Accounts (Committee of)

(1) *HMRC Standard Report 2022–23*: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 76);

(2) *Correspondence from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority relating to the Sellafield site visit*: Written evidence, to be published;

(3) *Correspondence relating to the Committee's previous Reports*: Written evidence, to be published

(Dame Meg Hillier).

19 Standards (Committee on)

Scott Benton:

(i) Second Report, with Appendices, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 413);

(ii) Written evidence, to be published (HC 413)

(Ms Harriet Harman).

20 Welsh Affairs Committee

Correspondence with the First Minister of Wales relating to his resignation: Written evidence, to be published (Stephen Crabb).

Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Spiking

Resolved, That this House has considered the matter of spiking.—(*Judith Cummins*.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.56 pm and 3 pm.

2 Persecution of Buddhists in Tibet

Resolved, That this House has considered the persecution of Buddhists in Tibet.—(*Jim Shannon*.)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 4.19 pm until Monday 18 December.

Eleanor Laing

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Animals

Draft Animal Welfare (Primate Licences) (England) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Steve Barclay)

2 Pensions

Draft Occupational Pension Schemes (Collective Money Purchase Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Paul Maynard)

3 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

Draft Electoral Commission Strategy and Policy Statement (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

4 Sanctions

(1) Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1364), dated 12 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

(2) Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1367), dated 12 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

5 Social Security

Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Specified Diseases and Prescribed Occupations) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Mel Stride)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

6 Financial Services

Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1371), dated 13 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum and an Impact Assessment (by Command) (Bim Afolami)

7 Immigration

(1) Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1372), dated 11 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

(2) Immigration and Asylum (Provision of Services or Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1373), dated 11 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary James Cleverly)

8 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 2023)

Amendment, adopted at Samarkand on 18 May 2023, to the Agreement Establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (by Command) (CP 980), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (David Rutley)

9 Public Service Pensions

Superannuation (Admission to Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972) Order 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1361), dated 12 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Alex Burghart)

10 Rating and Valuation

Non-Domestic Rating (Improvement Relief) (England) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1357), dated 11 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Simon Hoare)

11 Senior Courts

Court Funds (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1356), dated 12 December 2023 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

12 Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation)

Draft Revised Code of Practice on Picketing (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

Other papers

13 Criminal Justice and Court Services

Report and Accounts of Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 92) (Secretary Alex Chalk)

14 Education

A world-class education system: The Advanced British Standard consultation (by Command) (CP 991) (Secretary Gillian Keegan)

15 Environment

Report and Accounts of the Office for Environmental Protection for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 377) (Clerk of the House)

16 Government Resources and Accounts

(1) Building Safety Trust Statement of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 28) (Secretary Michael Gove)

(2) Report and Accounts of LocatED Property Limited for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 275) (Damian Hinds)

(3) Report and Accounts of The Great Britain-China Centre for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 271) (Anne-Marie Trevelyan)

(4) Report and Accounts of the Vehicle Certification Agency for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 41) (Secretary Mark Harper)

17 Health and Care

Review of risk of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in the NHS Supply Chain (by Act) (Secretary Victoria Atkins)

18 House of Commons

Risk-based exclusion policy for the House of Commons – updated proposals, to be printed (HC 386) (The Speaker)

19 National Lottery etc

Report and Financial Statements of British Film Institute Group and National Lottery for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 403) (Sir John Whittingdale)

20 Pension Schemes

Report and Accounts of the Pensions Ombudsman and the Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 260) (Secretary Mel Stride)

21 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums

Government Response to Parliamentary Representations on the Draft Strategy and Policy Statement for the Electoral Commission (by Act) (Simon Hoare)

22 Postal Services

(1) Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of Post Office Limited 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

(2) Report of the Post Office Network 2023 (by Act) (Secretary Kemi Badenoch)

23 Social Security Administration

Account of the Great Britain National Insurance Fund for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 354) (Clerk of the House)

24 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland)

Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 2022–23, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 355) (Clerk of the House)

25 Transport

(1) Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee for 2018–19 (by Act), to be printed (HC 295) (Secretary Mark Harper)

(2) Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee for 2020–22 (by Act), to be printed (HC 296) (Secretary Mark Harper)

(3) Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee for 2022–23 (by Act), to be printed (HC 297) (Secretary Mark Harper)

CORRECTIONS

(1) 19 October 2022

Item 33 (Select Committees: Reports) should have included:

() *Proxy voting and the presence of babies in the Chamber and Westminster Hall: Government Response to the Committee's First Report*: First Special Report, to be printed, HC 691;

(2) 27 February 2023

The following item should have appeared after item 22 (Select Committees: Reports):

House of Commons Members Estimate Committee

Consolidated list of provisions of the Resolutions of the House relating to expenditure charged to the Estimate for House of Commons: Members as at 27 February 2023: First Report, to be printed with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 1163) (The Speaker).

(3) 1 March 2023

Item 34 (Select Committee: Reports) should have read:

Science and Technology Committee

(1) *Diversity and Inclusion in STEM*: Fifth Report, to be printed, with the formal minutes relating to the Report (HC 95);

(2) *UK space strategy and UK satellite infrastructure*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 100);

(3) *Correspondence with the Leader of the House of Commons relating to machinery of government changes*: Written evidence, to be published;

(4) *Correspondence with the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology relating to her appointment*: Written evidence, to be published;

(5) *Evidence base of Parole Board decisions*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 712)

(Greg Clark).

(4) 22 May 2023

Item 32(3) (Select Committee: Reports) should be corrected as follows:

Seventh Annual Report of the Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts, Second Special Report, to be printed (HC 1055);

(5) 14 June 2023

Item 25(1) (Select Committee: Reports) should be corrected as follows:

Diversity and inclusion in STEM: Government Response to the Committee's Fifth Report: Third Special Report, to be printed (HC 1427);

(6) 20 November 2023

Items 2 and 5 (Papers Laid) Should not have appeared.

(7) 20 November 2023

The following item should have appeared under item 7 (Papers Laid):

Data Protection

Explanatory Memorandum to the Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1028) (by Command) (Sir John Whittingdale)

(8) 20 November 2023

The following item should have appeared under item 10 (Papers Laid):

Railways

Explanatory Memorandum to the Private Crossings (Signs and Barriers) Regulations 2023 (SI, 2023, No. 1112) (by Command) (Secretary Mark Harper)

(9) 21 November 2023

Items 9 and 10 (Papers Laid) should not have appeared.

(10) 13 December 2023

The following item should have appeared after item 23 (Select Committees: Reports):

Energy Security and Net Zero Committee

(1) *Preparing for the winter: Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2022–23*: First Special Report, to be printed (HC 401);

(2) *Heating our homes*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 115);

(3) *Keeping the power on: our future energy technology mix*: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 116);

(4) *A flexible Grid for the future*: Written evidence, to be published (HC 113);

(5) *Correspondence from Ofgem relating to customer credit balances*: Written evidence, to be published

(6) *Correspondence from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero*: Written evidence, to be published;

(Angus Brendan MacNeil).

(11) 13 December 2023

The following item should have appeared after item 28 (Select Committees: Reports):

Justice Committee

Recent urgent notifications on the prison estate: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 398) (Sir Robert Neill).